

# Is the Nation In A Recession?

Why economists have been evenly split over this question

# National Recession Talley Sheet

#### Yes Indicators

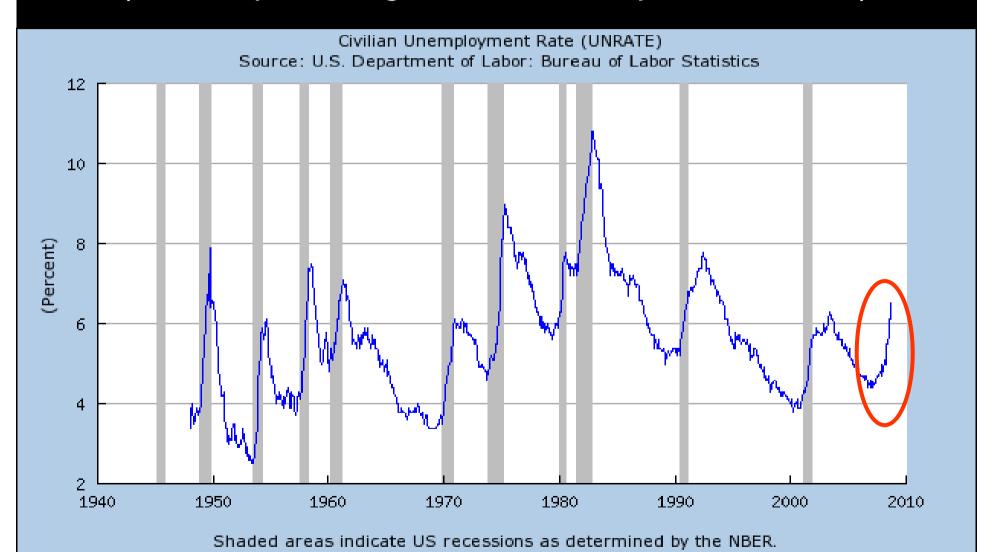
- Slow GDP Growth
- Declining Employment
- Rising Unemployment
- Credit Crises
- Rising Inflation
- Slow Wage Growth
- Low ConsumerConfidence
- Housing Slump

#### No Indicators

- Unemployment rate
- Manufacturing jobs

# **US** Unemployment Rate

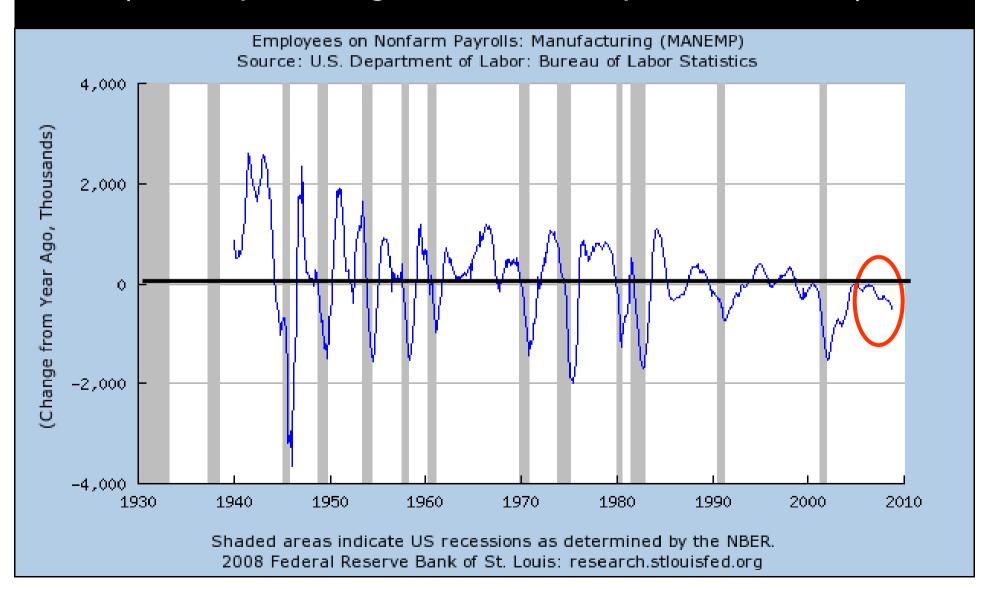
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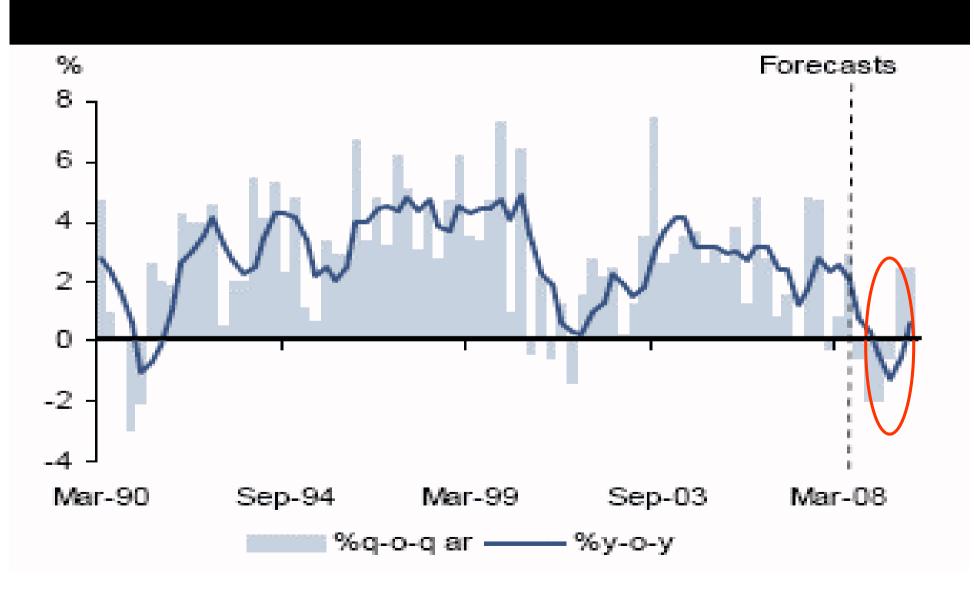
# **US Manufacturing Jobs**

("R" requires significant and rapid fall in "MJ")



# **US GDP Consensus Forecast**

("R" 08/3Q - 09/2Q)

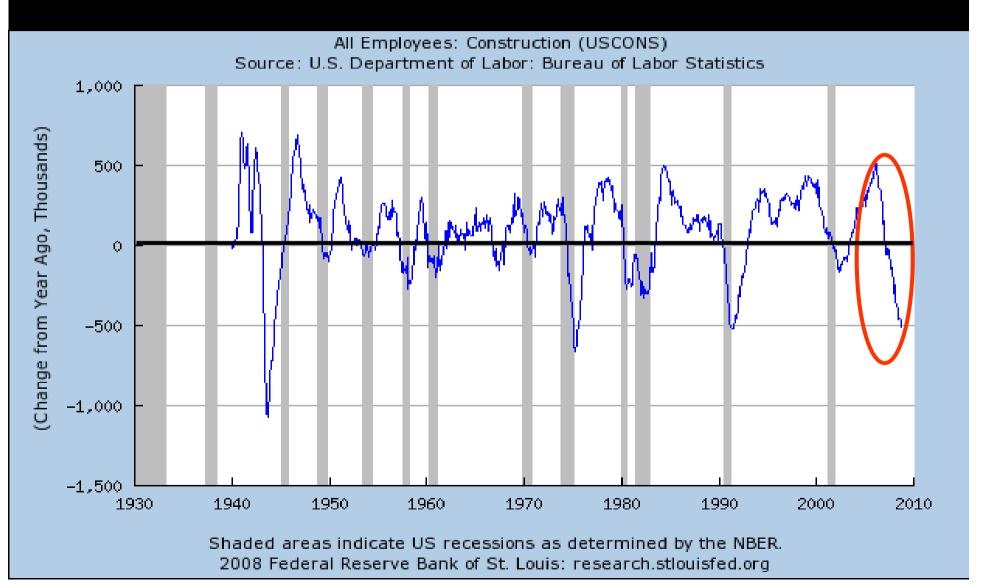


# US Civilian Employment (Y-O-Y Change)



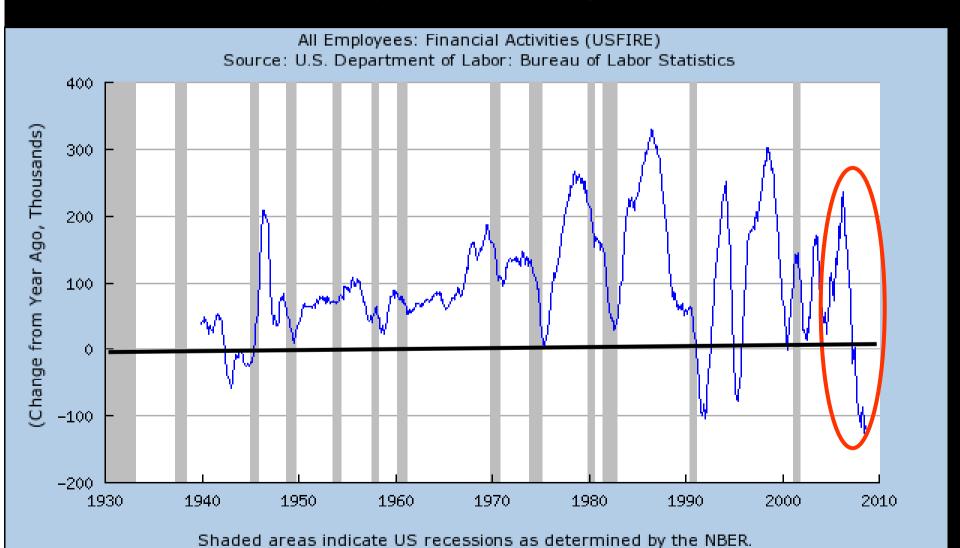
### **US** Jobs-Construction

(Y-O-Y Change)



# **US** Jobs-Financial Activities

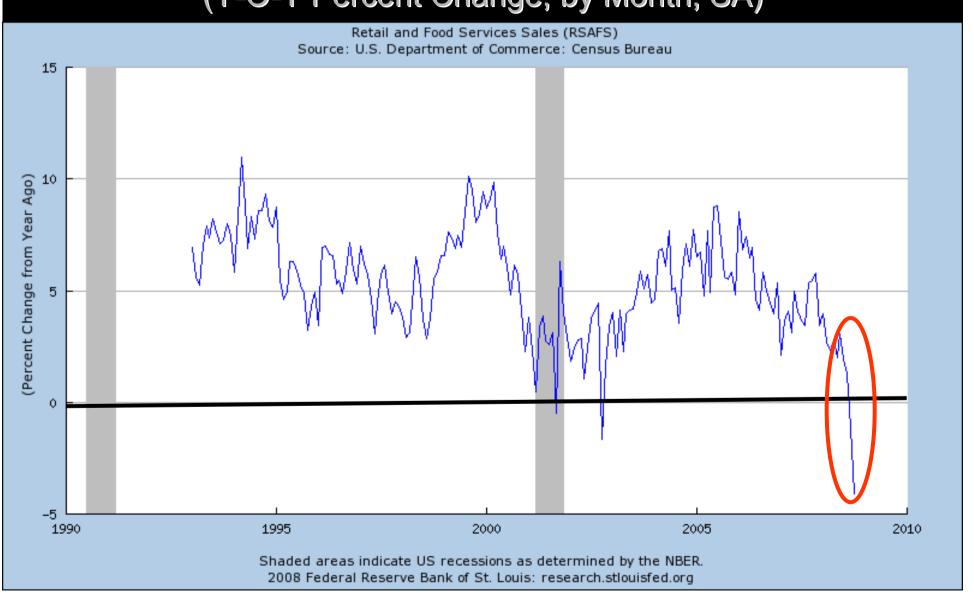
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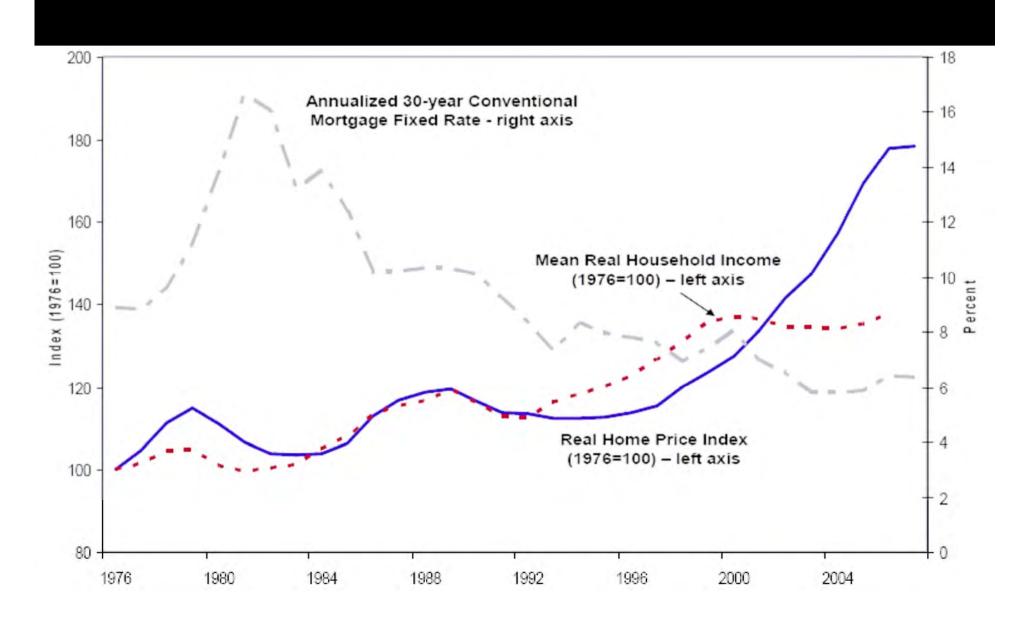
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# **US-Declining Retail Sales**

(Y-O-Y Percent Change, by Month, SA)

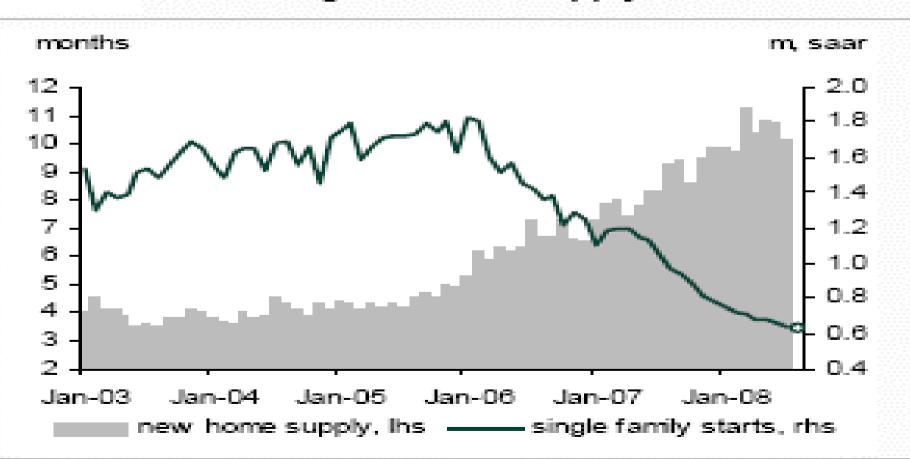


# **US-Asset Price Bubble in Housing**



# **US-Overhang in Housing Market**

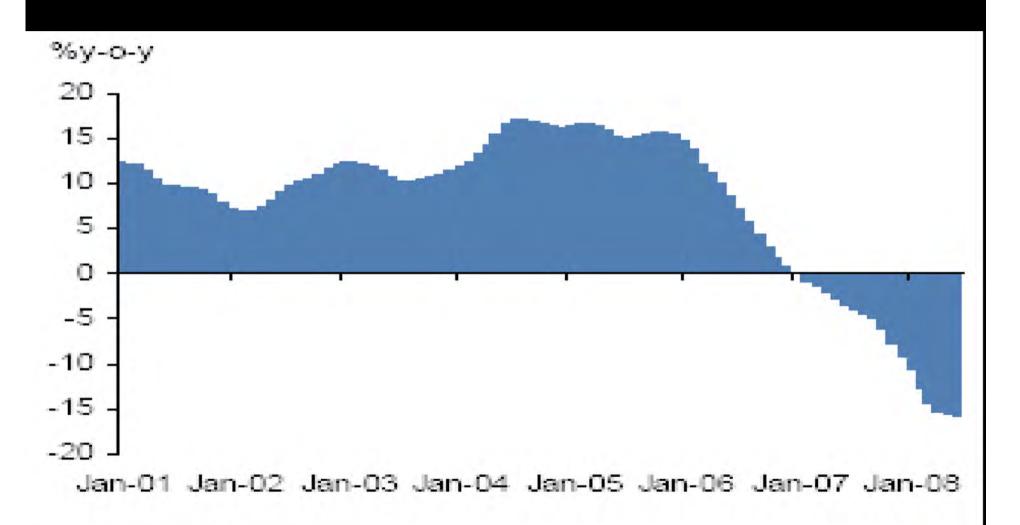
#### Housing starts and supply of new homes



Source: Census Bureau,

# **US-Falling Home Prices**

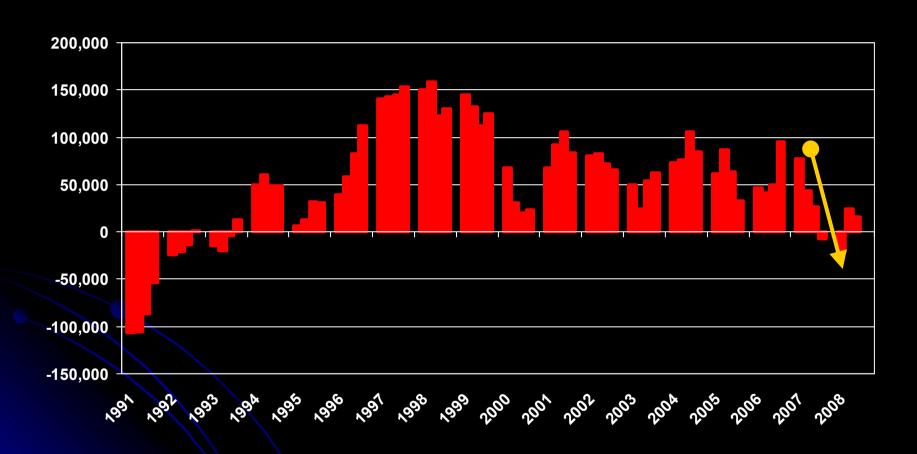
(Case-Shiller Index)



Source: S&P/Case-Shiller.

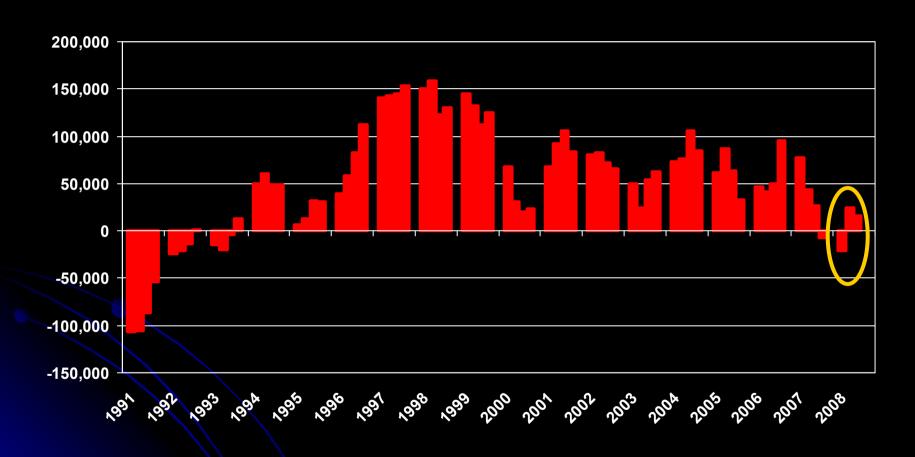
### SD Most Job Losses 2007 & Early 2008

Total Employment Change Y-O-Y by Quarter



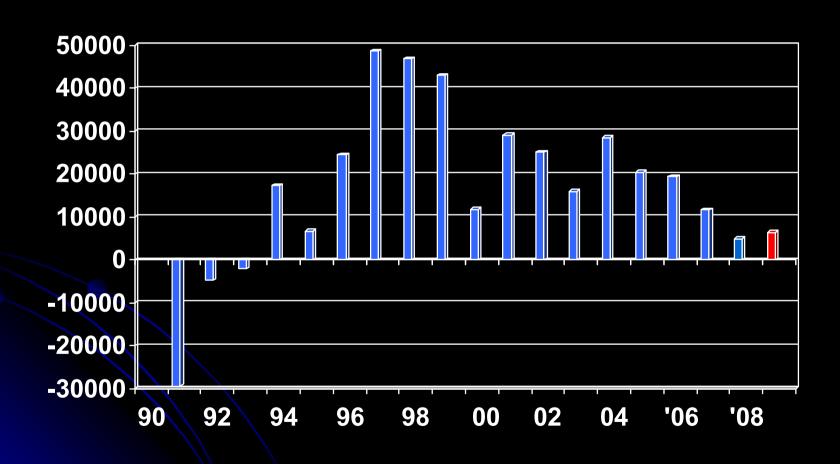
### SD Job Gains 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2008

Total Employment Change Y-O-Y by Quarter



### SD Outlook-2009 Slow Job Growth

**Total Employment** 



### SD Outlook-2009 Jobs Talley Sheet

#### **Pluses**

- Defense
- Visitor Industry
- Health Services

#### <u>Minuses</u>

- Retail Services
- High-Tech Clusters
- Financial Services
- Construction Industry
- Agriculture

### SD Construction Jobs Stabilizing

**Employment Change Y-O-Y by Month** 



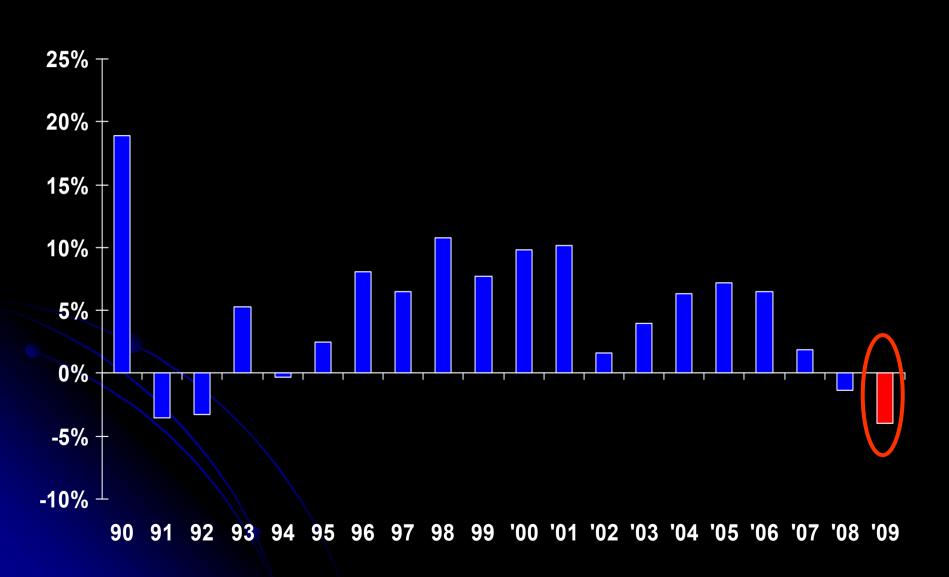
### SD Financial Activity Jobs Stabilizing

Employment Change Y-O-Y by Month



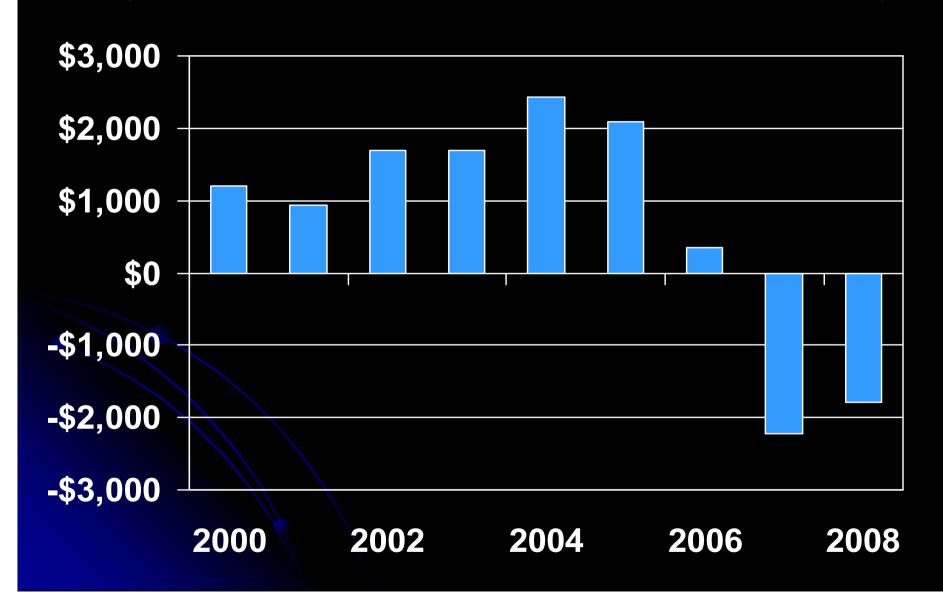
### SD Outlook-Decline in Sales Tax Revenue

(Y-O-Y Percent Change in TransNet Receipts )



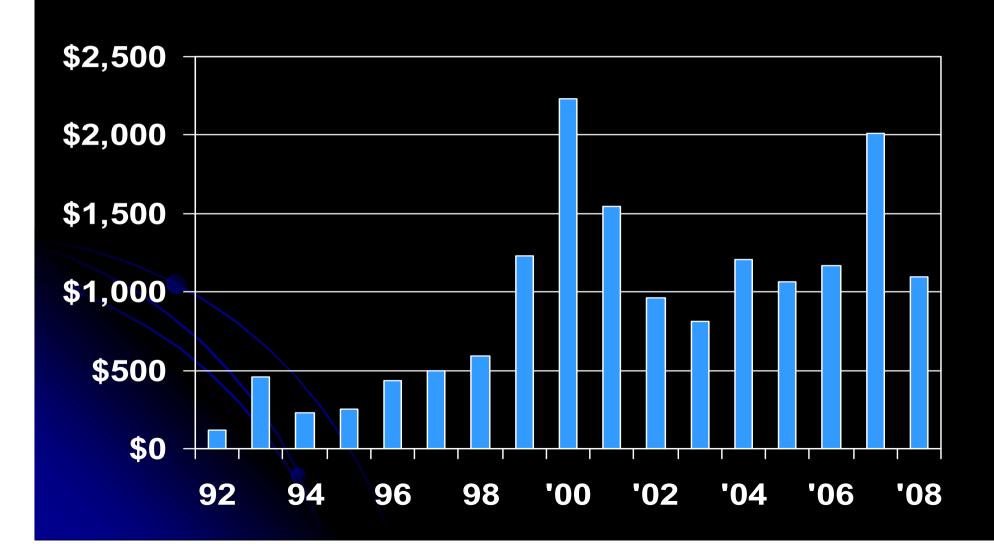
# SD Housing Value Wealth Effect

(millions of dollars, impact on consumer expenditures)

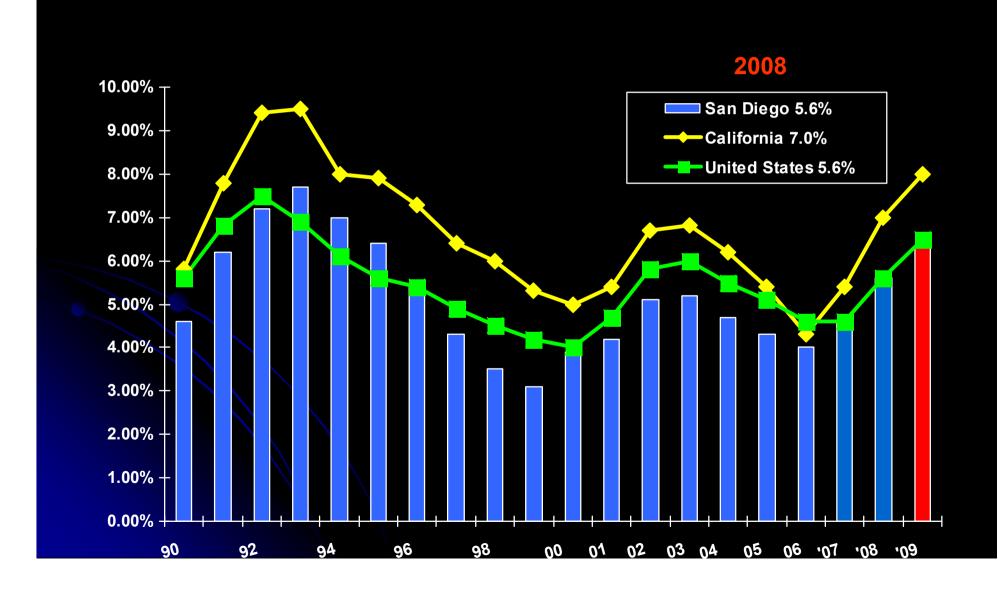


### SD Less Support for High-Tech Jobs

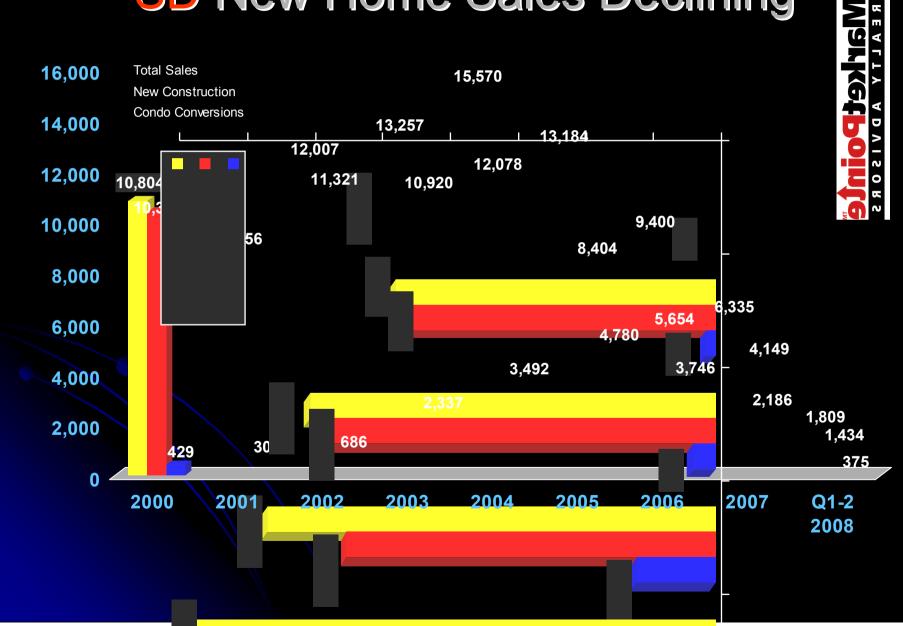
(Venture Capital Expenditures, Millions of Dollars)



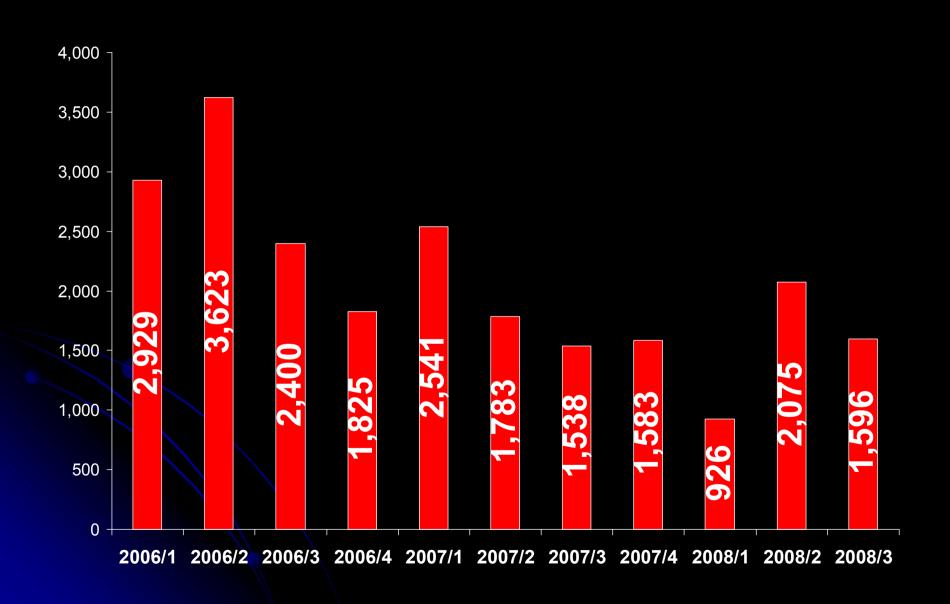
### SD Outlook-Rising Unemployment Rate



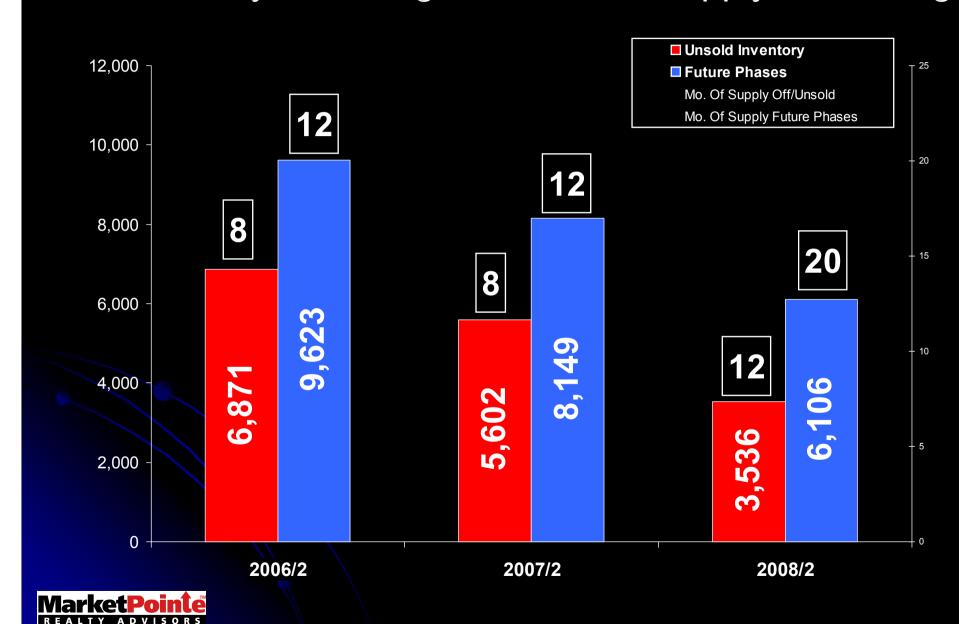
### **SD** New Home Sales Declining **Total Sales** 15,570



# SD Residential Building Permits Issued Slowing (Quarterly 2006/3 – 2008/3)



#### SD Inventory Shrinking & Months of Supply Increasing



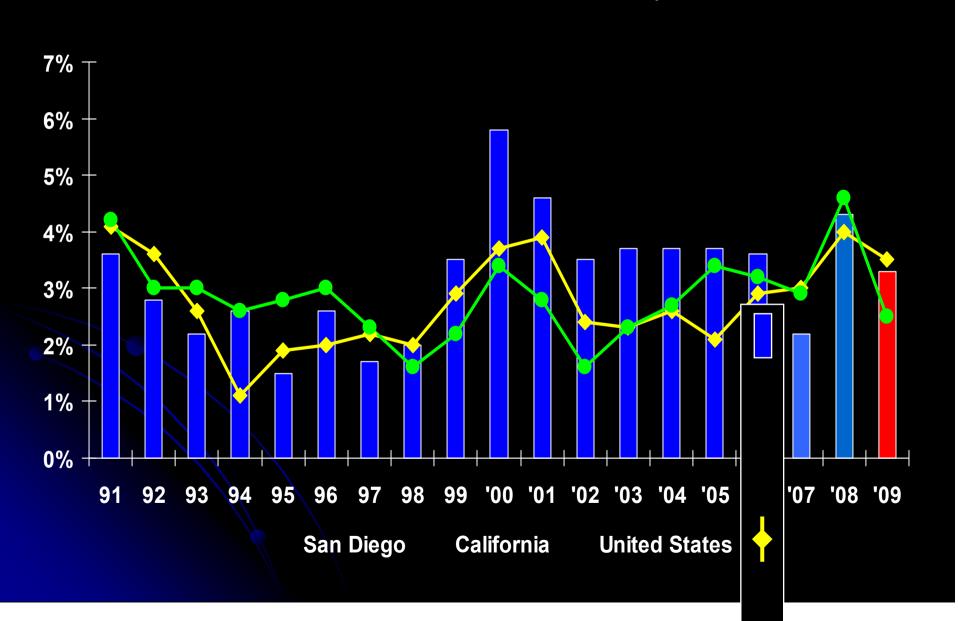
### **SD** New Home Pricing Trends

Non Distressed Sales Single Family/ Townhomes/ Condominium



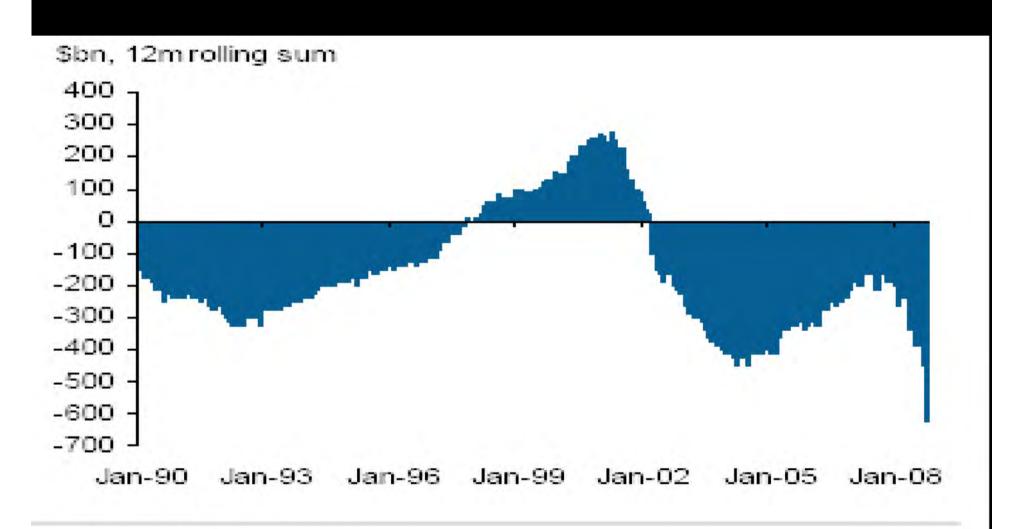
### SD Outlook-Moderate Decline in Inflation

(Rate of Change in CPI-U)



# **US-Federal Budget Balance**

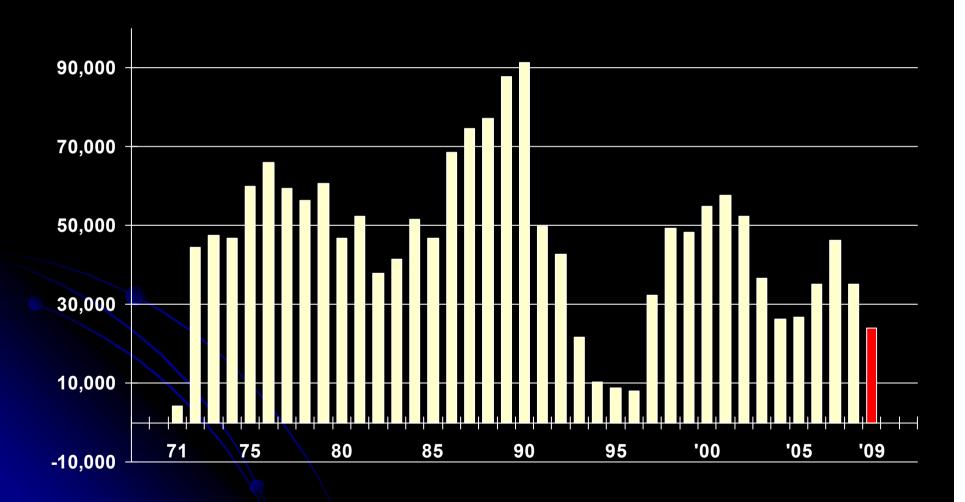
Inflation Indicator?



Source: Treasury.

### SD Outlook-Population Growth will Slow

Annual Change in Population San Diego Region 1971-2009



# 2008-9 SD Outlook Summary

"Very Slow Growth-No Local Recession"

- Slow Job Growth
- U-Rate Up
- Lower Home Prices
- Reverse Wealth Effect
- Less VC Investment
- Less Inflation
- Significant Risk-Deep & Protracted National "R"



